

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the first paragraph, lines 1-5 appearing on page 10 of the Specification as follows:

--Subsequently, 1/100 of the abovementioned first-strand cDNA was in each case employed in a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) using the oligonucleotides alpha7-1s: (5'-GAYGTIGAYGARAARAAYCA-3') SEQ. ID. No: 7 and alpha7-2a: (5'-CYYTCRTCIGCRCTRTRTA-3') SEQ. ID. No: 8 (recombinant Taq DNA polymerase, Gibco BRL). --

Please amend page 13, lines 8-11 as follows:

--The sequence region from position 372 to position 2681 of SEQ. ID NO: 1 was amplified by means of a polymerase chain reaction (PCR). Deoxyoligonucleotides have the sequences GCGAATTCACCACCATGAAAAATGCACAACCTG SEQ. ID. No: 9 and CGAGACAATAATATGTGGTGCCTCGAG SEQ ID No: 10 were used for this.--

Please amend page 13, lines 20-24 as follows:

--The sequence region from position 335 to position 1822 from SEQ ID NO:3 was amplified by means of a polymerase chain reaction (PCR). Deoxyoligonucleotides having the sequences GCAAGCTTACCACCATGGGAGGTAGAGCTAGACGCTCGCAC SEQ ID No:11 and GCCTCGAGCGACACCATGATGTGTGGCGC SEQ ID No:12 were used for this.--

Please amend page 14, lines 3-6 as follows:

--The sequence region from position 95 to position 1597 from SEQ ID NO: 5 was amplified by means of a polymerase chain reaction (PCR). Deoxyoligonucleotides having the sequences GCAAGCGCCGCTATGGCCCCTATGTTG SEQ ID NO: 13 and TTGCACGATGATATGCGGTGCCTCGAGCG SEQ ID NO: 14 were used for this.--